SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT U.S. Appln. No. 09/295,580

disclaimer in order to expedite the issuance of allowable claims. Applicant hereby reserves all

rights to file a continuation application for subject matter of cancelled claims 3-4.

The above claim amendments should be entered because they place the application in

condition for allowance and do not raise new issues requiring further consideration.

In view of the above, claims 5-6 are in condition for allowance and should be passed to

issue at the earliest possible time. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be

best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to

contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain

the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to

be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,

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